

EDITORIALS

Chemistry in Torrance

The free enterprise system, which has made America the leader of the world in progress, production, and living standards, is unique in other ways, including its ability to activate basic scientific research and develop it in terms of actual consumer products.

One of the outstanding segments of our economy which has accomplished this to an outstanding degree is the chemical industry which currently is observing "Chemical Progress Week."

The chemical industry in the United States has grown more rapidly than any other in recent years, producing literally thousands of new items and creating entirely new industries as end products of chemistry.

Some of these newly-created industries include plastics, which were virtually unknown 15 years ago. The plastic industry has made its mark on Torrance with the construction of the new Dow plant here two years ago, and the huge Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Plant which is now under construction.

Another new industry is in the field of synthetic fibers and fabrics which has opened up entirely new vistas in the designing and production of clothing.

Other aspects of the chemical industry have increased the productivity of the soil as much as 20 per cent on the average and, through chemical progress, crop losses are being sharply reduced. Torrance chemical industry which includes such installations as the Stauffer Chemical Co. and the General Petroleum refinery has contributed greatly to this accomplishment with their production of fertilizers and the many insecticides and weed killers which has been a boon to agriculture throughout the west.

Thirteen per cent of the nation's synthetic rubber making facilities is concentrated in the Torrance area in the facilities recently acquired from the government by the Shell Chemical Corp. The contribution of this industry to the welfare of the nation can not be measured. Without it, winning World War II would have been a critical task.

Another phase of the industry, which is now affecting nearly every man, woman, and child in the city, is the relatively new development of antibiotics, or "miracle drugs," which have been brought into the fight against the diseases that have been a scourge to mankind since the beginning of time.

The chemical industry in Torrance employs thousands of our residents and contributes immeasurably to the welfare of this community and to the nation.

"Chemical Progress Week" May 16 to 21, provides an opportunity for us to salute the chemical industry and to give public recognition to the role that it is playing in the Southland and in Torrance. What it has accomplished is a testimonial to the American system.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

Who runs Torrance?

It would be hard to pinpoint any individual, but one group might be easier to designate. As a group, they don't participate much in running things, but their influence is tremendous. They're all under 18.

In almost any discussion of current affairs in the city, Torrance's small fry come in for consideration.

In oil sump ordinances now being discussed, one of the biggest considerations is the fencing of equipment and sumps so that Junior won't fall into them.

The controversial sea side piteh-and-putt golf course led to a great debate over what kind of recreation should be provided for youngsters.

Even the proposal for annexation of Palos Verdes territory to Torrance brought in the youngsters, as arguments over school sites formed one of the major discussion points.

The proposed north Torrance brick pit again brought in the city's younger citizens, as parents expressed their fears that youngsters would get hurt in the area.

School crossing signals are always good for a debate between parents, who would like to have a signal and crossing guard at every corner and budget-minded officials.

Some of the city's biggest problems came as a result of the greatly expanding school population, since a great portion of the city's new citizens are parents.

In offering their homes for sale, builders make a big point of the fact that their buildings are close to schools and away from the bustling traffic.

Even street planning is designed to afford maximum safety for kiddies. The modern winding streets are supposed to slow down speeders.

When a speeder is arrested, the worst that can be said about him is that he endangered the life of a child. Nothing makes parents madder than the thought that their child was threatened.

Breakfast food companies long ago recognized Junior's importance in selling their wares, and boxes of the stuff always contain plenty of free premiums to induce Junior to induce Mother to buy some Coochie-Woochie's.

Politicians since time immemorial have been kissing babies and patting little heads knowing full well how important Junior was to their welfare.

It has been said that the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," but it looks more like the little guy in that cradle does the ruling.

For A Change



It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Destruction From Within
A REPUBLIC LOST? Benjamin Franklin said, "We have given you a Republic, if you can keep it." We have not kept it. It has taken us about 168 years to subvert, destroy, and surrender the magnificent accomplishment of our forefathers. And for what? For a fussy-minded ideal and a treacherous plot masquerading under such high-sounding labels as brotherhood, the United Nations, mutual security, responsibility to the free world, NATO, co-existence, and Atlantic Union.

If the determined efforts of the left-wing internationalists, one-worlders, dogooders, and busbydoers are successful, the sovereign Republic of the United States of America will be blotted out, and we who have so blithely taken our freedom for granted will soon find ourselves bound by the strange and un-American laws and restraints of foreign nations.

The destructive and insidious influence of world government ad ocaes reaches into every phase of American life, from the seat of our federal government, down through our schools and churches, and right into our living rooms via press, radio, and television. The American people are being brainwashed into submitting quietly to their own destruction while paying the exorbitant price for their job.

DEATH SENTENCE: The most comprehensive and daring plan for divesting the United States of its sovereignty and destroying its Con-

stitution and Bill of Rights is through amendment of the UN Charter. This plan calls for "strengthening" the UN into a "workable scheme of world government," with compulsory universal membership, complete disarmament of member nations, and no right of secession.

This outrageous scheme, this death sentence on our Republic, is being pushed in this country by United World Federalists and by other internationalists both in and out of government. It is constantly being presented to and cordially received by the Senate subcommittee on UN Charter revision, and certain of our congressmen have read it into the Congressional Record with commendatory remarks (see specifically Congressional Record of March 31, 1955, p. A2352).

The final death stroke could, and may be dealt our Republic by the UN Charter Review Conference to be called by the General Assembly when it convenes this summer. Should such disastrous amendments be adopted, our subjugation to a world government in which we would be out-numbered and out-voted would be immediate, complete, and irrevocable.

ATLANTIC UNION: Meanwhile still other plans under way to edge us into world government should the bolder plan of UN Charter amendment fail to come off. On Feb. 9, 1955, Senator Estes Kefauver introduced for himself and other left-wing internationalists S. Con. Res. 12 call-

ing for an "Atlantic Exploratory Convention" to consider a defense, economic, and political union of the U.S. with the other NATO countries and such "other democracies" as the convention might invite.

This resolution is supported by notorious leftwingers and is sponsored by the Atlantic Union Committee, of which our newest Supreme Court Justice, John Marshall Harlan, is a member. To become involved in such a union means surrendering our sovereignty and independence, surrendering our Constitution and Bill of Rights, pooling our resources and citizenship with an undetermined number of other countries, and subjecting ourselves to the domination of an international body.

This hideously dangerous resolution is being given serious consideration in Congress as evidenced by the speeches made on its behalf and by the speed with which similar concurrent resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives by like-minded leftwingers and internationalist zealots.

LATER EFFORTS: On April 25 still another link was added to the chain designed to bind us to some form of world government through the introduction of Senator Hubert Humphrey's Sen. Con. Res. 28 calling for the appointment of members of Congress to meet with legislators from other NATO countries in a conference in Paris in July to consider "future cooperation by the NATO members including their parliamentary bodies," and to discuss "common problems."

Obviously, the purpose of Sen. Con. Res. 28 is to do substantially what Kefauver and his cohorts proposed in the "Atlantic Union Exploratory Convention," though the wording is more deceptive. Still not content, Kefauver immediately followed with another resolution of his own (S. Con. Res. 29) containing exactly the same phraseology. Thus we see the continued and determined efforts of members of our Congress to edge us into world government through the back door.

It is alarmingly apparent, if we can judge by their statements of record, that both President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles will give their full blessing and support to such efforts. The evidence of their lack of regard for national sovereignty is there for all to read!

THE MAIL BOX

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Editorial Answered

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Your editorial of April 18 regarding the plans of the City of Torrance to exchange property in the proposed Torrance Civic Center, for property purchased some years ago by the Department of Employment for a building site, has come to my attention and I have read it with a great deal of interest.

We regret that our letter to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas on this subject was considered by you and the city officials to be a "sharp rebuff." It was certainly not our intention to create such an impression, for at the time the letter was written we did not consider that the matter had been closed. The letter to Assemblyman Thomas, quoted in your editorial, was meant to explain the standards used by the Department in selecting sites for our local offices which will best meet the needs of the communities we serve.

An important paragraph of my letter does not appear in the editorial. I should like to quote it for you because it clearly establishes the policy of the Department of Employment in regard to its responsibilities as a public agency serving all of the citizens of the state. The paragraph to which I refer follows:

"The Department recognizes the fact that as a public agency, serving all of the citizens of our state, we have a dual obligation to render effective, courteous service to employers and workers, and to cooperate to the maximum with community and civic groups and organizations..."

We wish to make it clear that it is never our intention to make arbitrary decisions in instances like this one. As I mentioned above, we did not, and still do not, consider the matter closed. Certain standards which the Department has developed as the result of approximately 20 years of experience in locating our local offices were mentioned to Assemblyman Thomas, and a number of them have been quoted in your editorial with certain exceptions taken to them.

As you know, we first learned that the City of Torrance was interested in making an exchange of property and acquiring the site at Cravens and Ingracia Streets in Torrance, when the City Council's resolution, passed January 25, 1955 was forwarded to me by Assemblyman Thomas, who asked that we meet with him to discuss our plans. Assemblyman Thomas naturally was interested in the methods used in selecting sites for local offices. He was rather surprised to find that we had not approached by either officials of the City of Torrance or any department of the State with regard to the proposed transfer of property prior to the passage of the resolution.

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The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

ENROUTE TO LAS VEGAS

That's right, we broke the lock on the "Cage" and we're heading to that place where they fast everything from bomb tests this week, so might have to be content with looking in on some of the other experiments going on there. (For purely academic reasons, of course.)

If I don't have to hock my typewriter, I'll send along a report for Thursday on the life in the city of chance.

Heard a real chuckler before we left town—you may have heard it, too, but will repeat for those who might have missed it.

This here tipsy little guy, see, walked into the grog shop and ordered up a drink for every guy in the house including the bartender. When it turned out a few minutes later the little gent was broke, the bartender gave him a real rough heaven. But good. About three weeks later the guy came in again, tipsy as before, and ordered up another round for everybody—including the bartender again. Same story—no dough. This time the bartender whaled the daylight out of him, may even have broken an arm.

It took about three months for the little guy to get back again, but he did and he ordered up drinks for the bartender, whaled the daylight out of him, may even have broken an arm.

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A Final Column

Editor, Torrance Herald.

It is with regret that I must tell you he enclosed release. "It's Your Country" will be my last for a period of at least two or three months. Under medical advice, I am required to take that period of time for complete rest, with a change of climate.

When I am able to resume my column, I trust that all of my present subscribers will give me the same loyal support I have enjoyed from them over the past several years.

With deepest appreciation for your past interest,
JOHN W. BECK

Crossword Puzzle

Look for Answers on Page 11

1. Sharp metallic noise	62. Eccentric wheel
2. Impassable	63. Act
3. Molasses	64. Adult males
4. Sunken fences	65. Anywhere
5. Prefix	66. Makes ready
6. Man's name	67. Ship pennines
7. Title	68. Nearby
8. Twiching	69. Make amends
9. Italian river	70. Asian country
10. Gastrupod	71. Hatways (abbr.)
11. Turkish decree	72. Part of mouth
12. Chia	73. Her
13. Reveal (Obs.)	74. Greek letter
14. Silver wax	75. Species of tree
15. Roman	76. Boating
16. Lament	77. Youthful age
17. Flower saint	78. Perfected pattern
18. Pronoun	79. Deceptively
19. Ovis	80. VERTICAL
20. Female relative	81. Century plant
21. Charge	82. Crucacean
22. Registered nurse	83. Turn to the right
23. Perilous to moon	84. Bone
24. Mere seed	85. His Highness
25. Small cask	86. (Abbr.)
26. Por	87. Center grass
27. Color	88. Bleached
28. Room	89. Life
29. Distinguishing	90. Interior pronoun
30. Natural force	91. Consultation
31. Plunder	92. Hemlock alkaloid
32. Cry out (Obs.)	
33. Puddle	
34. Notion	
35. Word	
36. I have	
37. Possessive	
38. New	
39. Measure	
40. Girl's name (Abbr.)	
41. Sweet substance	
42. Plants in general	
43. French article	
44. Spaf	
45. Refuse	
46. Book	
47. Iron	
48. Bite	
49. (Obs.)	
50. Church seat	
51. Pirate	
52. Horse race	
53. Throat	
54. New (Prefix)	
55. Toe	
56. Girl's name (Abbr.)	
57. Girl's name (Abbr.)	
58. (Abbr.)	
59. Buro	
60. Also	
61. Heartbeat	
62. Billy	
63. Pleasantry	
64. Moccasin	
65. Lone fish	
66. (Abbr.)	
67. Kine (Abbr.)	
68. (Abbr.)	
69. South latitude (Abbr.)	

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia

LOUIS ROBERT HAS WON THE GREAT TOUR DE FRANCE CYCLING EVENT TWO YEARS IN A ROW. HIS 1954 VICTORY OVER THE 3,017-MILE ROUTE WAS ACHIEVED AT AN AVERAGE SPEED OF 21.4 MILES PER HOUR.

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